



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The NVDA serves the Counties of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans (total population 62,438) located east of the Green Mountains of Vermont, west of the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and along the Canadian Border and Connecticut River. Industries and businesses of the region benefited from the area's proximity to major regional



Assessment Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Northeastern Vermont Development Association for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to develop a prioritized database, conduct community outreach activities, perform six or more Phase I and three or four Phase II environmental site assessments, and conduct one extended Phase III assessment at sites around the three counties served by the Association.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

shipping routes and natural resources. Today, many of the region's brownfields sites are located along these major shipping routes and within the historic downtowns and village centers. Most of the hazardous properties are the result of chemical agents used by industries, including drycleaning, electroplating, metal fabrication, plastics and wood operations, and legal and illegal dumping. The poverty rates in these counties are the highest in the state. Average wages for those who are employed in the region's highest paying industry sector, manufacturing, are 30 percent lower than the state average in that sector. Brownfields pose potential threats to the health of area residents and to its rivers and

waterways. Redevelopment of the properties is expected to help facilitate economic development and job creation, return these brownfields to the tax rolls, and conserve greenspace or provide additional recreational opportunities.